

**Electoral structure review - Moorabool Shire Council - Response Submission**  
**Matt Keane - Maddingley - 29 March 2023, 12:34 pm**

Option 1 (unsubdivided electoral boundaries) is preferred because it can help ensure all Councillors make each decision in the interest of the whole Shire. It may cause issues with under-representation of people in rural areas of the Shire (those outside Bacchus Marsh and Ballan). That is possible even with proportional voting if people preference second and third others that are from the urbanised areas (Bacchus Marsh and Balan). So the attempt to control Councillors to make decisions in the interest of the whole Shire could undermine itself and make a subdivided electorate more sensible. Increasing the number of Councillors from seven to nine can mitigate the risk of that, however, as it would lower the quota each candidate would need to reach to be elected - making it easier for candidates from regional parts of the Shire to reach quota.